REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement in view of the remarks contained herein.

ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

The Examiner noted restriction to one of two inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121. Per the Examiner, Invention I, Claims 1-28 is drawn to an automotive fastener apparatus, classified in class 403, subclass 329. Invention II, Claims 29-33 is drawn to a method of making an automotive fastener, classified in class 29, subclass 527.5. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Claims 1-28 of Invention I with traverse.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement with respect to the present application because it is believed that it would not produce a serious burden upon the Examiner to maintain Claims 29-33 of Invention II, together with the provisionally elected Claims 1-28 of Invention I, because both are materially related to the art of automobile fasteners, therefore searches for both should encompass the same art. (See MPEP §803.).

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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